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1. Ships are constantly waiting in the outer harbor of Burgas to get into the port, as operations are carried out very slowly. The ships are often shifted and are frequently moved from the quay where they are unloading to the outer harbor to make way for traffic with a higher priority.

2. Upon the arrival of [ ] ship, there were about 10 merchant vessels at Burgas, half of which were waiting outside the port to dock.

3. When [ ] ship docked at the south quay, near the general warehouses, five other ships were loading or unloading.

4. The control of ships in Burgas is far more severe than it is in Odessa. The radio-telephone, binoculars, and other optical instruments, as well as cameras, etc. were sealed.

5. The following is the legend to the sketch on page 3:

a. Quay reserved for auxiliary-motor vessels, sailing ships which normally moor abreast with their stern toward land;

b. Quay permitting simultaneous mooring of five naval vessels of medium tonnage (about 5,000 tons), with a maximum draught of 22.5 feet. This quay is served by tracks and is equipped with a total of six slewing cranes on tracks;

c. Mooring point for small motor boats used for local traffic in the Gulf of Burgas;

d. Abandoned quay;

e. Small slip, headed west. The small [ ] tanker which in January 1955 was damaged by ice was located here for some time. After it was repaired,

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it returned to the Constanta-Burgas run;

- f. Approximately six submarine chasers were observed here. During the stay of [redacted] ship in Burgas Harbor, these submarine chasers were constantly on the move, both day and night, entering and leaving the harbor area. 25X1
6. Tankers unload their oil at the mooring point located in the vicinity of the signal station, which is on the outer western mole. 25X1
7. After it was unloaded, the ship [redacted] left empty for Constanta. In this connection it appears that the Soviets desire the quick departure of ships so that they can intensify freight traffic between Odessa and Bulgarian harbors. 25X1
8. Large quantities of rails and other metal products, probably of Soviet origin, were observed on the eastern quay.
9. The warehouses overlooking the southern quay contained oats, sunflower seeds, and cotton seeds. The warehouses near the eastern quay contained diverse goods.
10. No Bulgarian naval vessels or military aircraft were observed in the area.
11. The only military installation observed was a bunker located on the southern quay with an embrasure pointed toward the entrance to the harbor. Military barracks were observed north of the park overlooking the beach of Burgas. The barracks were occupied by military personnel of an unidentified arm.

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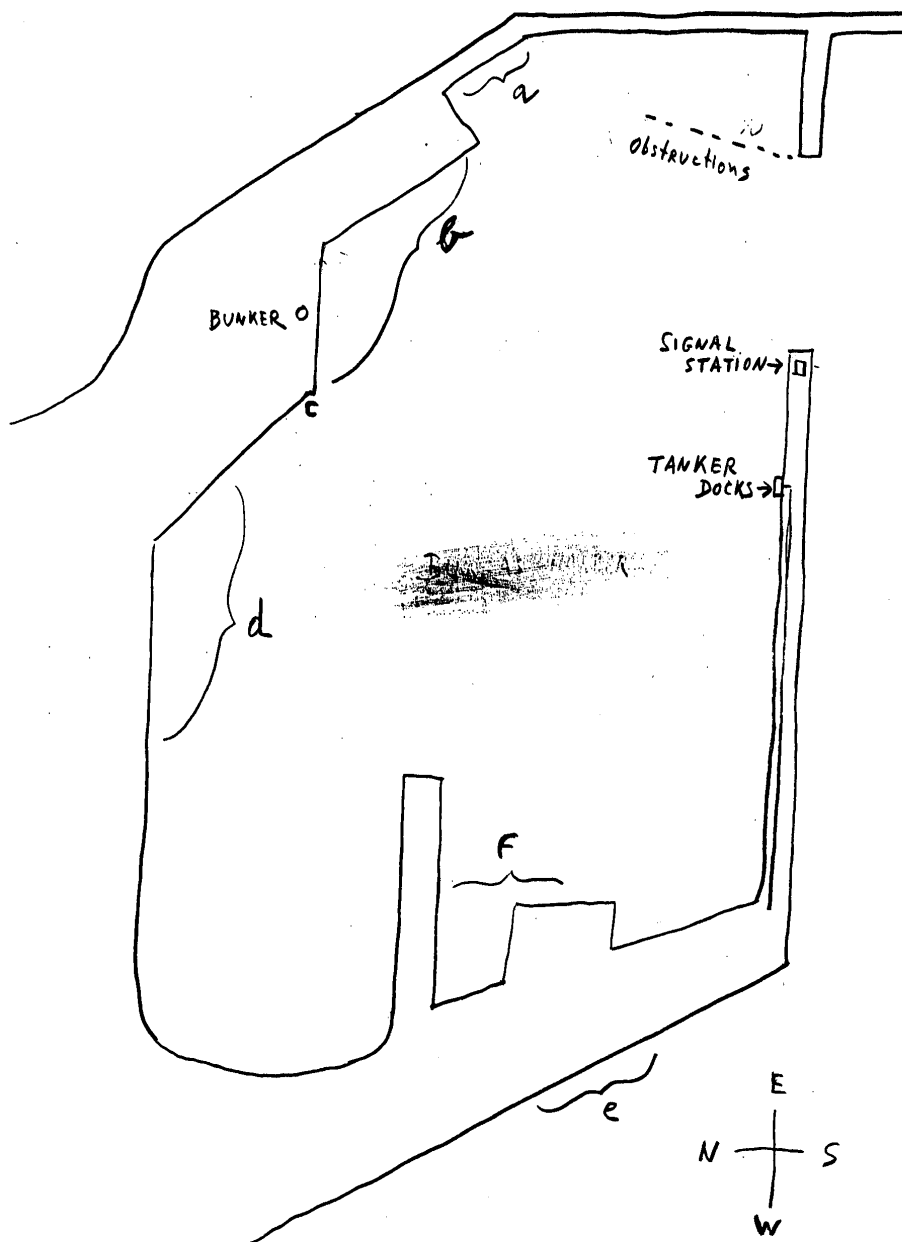
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